

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1. – 5. (cancelled)

6. (Currently amended) An information display system comprising:
a display unit including a predetermined display area which is able to be divided into a plurality of divided display areas~~a plurality of display areas into which a predetermined area is divided~~;
an operation unit indicating an item of information to be displayed in each of said divided display areas;
an acquiring unit acquiring the specified item of information; and
a control unit displaying the acquired information in each of said divided display areas, wherein said display unit displays identifying information for identifying each of said divided display areas,
said control unit, when the identifying information corresponding to the divided display area is specified through said operation unit, enlarges said divided display area corresponding to the identifying information up to said predetermined display area, displays only said display area and deletes other divided display areas.

7. (Original) An information display system according to claim 6, wherein the identifying information is displayed within said display area identified by the identifying information,
when said operation unit detects an indicating operation with respect to the identifying information, said display area corresponding to the identifying information is enlarged.

8. (Previously Presented) An information display system according to claim 6, wherein when said operation unit detects an indication operation with respect to the identifying information, said enlarged single display area is changed into a plurality of display areas.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (previously presented) An information display system comprising:

a display unit displaying a circumferential turn object which includes an indicator, indicating any one piece of identifying information among pieces of identifying information arranged along substantially a circumferential shape, circumferentially turning about the center of the circumferential shape;

a detection unit detecting an operation of said operation unit with respect to said circumferential turn object; and

a control unit circumferentially turning said indicator in accordance with the detected operation;

wherein said operation unit is a pointing device having at least two pieces of buttons, and said indicator turns counterclockwise by depressing said first button and turns clockwise by depressing said second button.

11. (Original) An information display system according to claim 10, wherein said two buttons are right and left buttons,

said first button is the left button, and

said second button is the right button.

12. (previously presented) An information display system comprising:

a communication unit obtaining information by accessing a network;

a display unit displaying the information obtained;

a correspondence storage module making an item of identifying information correspond to a specified item of information; and

a control unit displaying, in a display area, the information obtained from the network via said communication unit,

wherein said display unit includes a display area for displaying the information and a circumferential turn object having an indicator, indicating any one piece of identifying information among pieces of identifying information arranged along substantially a circumferential shape, circumferentially turning about the center of the circumferential shape, and

said control unit detects an operation of said operation unit with respect to said circumferential turn object, circumferentially turns said indicator in accordance with the operation

of said operation unit, and displays the information corresponding to the identifying information indicated in a position to which said indicator is circumferentially turned,

wherein said operation unit is a pointing device having at least two pieces of buttons, and said indicator turns counterclockwise by depressing said first button and turns clockwise by depressing said second button.

13. (original) An information display system according to claim 12, wherein said turn object has pieces of information arranged along said substantially circumferential shape and each representing the number of divisions by which the display area of said display unit is divided, and

when said indicator is turned to the position of indicating the information representing the number of divisions, the display area is divided by this number of divisions, and plural items of information are displayed in the divided display areas.

14-23. (cancelled)

24. (Currently amended) A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine, the method comprising:

forming a ~~plurality of display areas into which a~~ predetermined display area which is able to be divided into a plurality of divided display areas;

specifying an item of information to be displayed in each of the divided display areas;

obtaining ~~a the~~ specified item of information;

displaying the obtained information in each of the divided ~~a display areas corresponding thereto,~~

displaying identifying information for identifying each of said divided ~~corresponding~~ display areas; and

detecting an operation with respect to the identifying information,

wherein when the identifying information corresponding to the ~~divided~~ corresponding display area is specified, said divided display area corresponding to the identifying information is enlarged up to said predetermined display area, only said ~~divided~~ corresponding display area is displayed and other divided display areas are deleted.

25. (Currently amended) A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program according to claim ~~19~~24, of instructions executable by the machine, the

method steps further comprising displaying the identifying information within said display area identified by the identifying information, and, when detecting an indicating operation with respect to the identifying information, enlarging said single display area corresponding to the identifying information.

26. (Currently amended) A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program according to claim ~~25~~24, of instructions executable by the machine, wherein when detecting an indication operation with respect to the identifying information, said enlarged single display area is changed into a plurality of display areas.

27. (cancelled)

28. (previously presented) A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps comprising:

displaying a circumferential turn object including an indicator, for indicating any one piece of identifying information among pieces of identifying information arranged along substantially a circumferential shape, circumferentially turning about the center of the circumferential shape;

detecting an operation with respect to said circumferential turn object; and

circumferentially turning said indicator in accordance with the detected operation,

wherein the operation is an operation of a pointing device having at least two pieces of buttons, and

an indicator is turned counterclockwise by depressing said first button and turned clockwise by depressing said second button.

29. (original) A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program according to claim 28, of instructions executable by the machine, wherein said two buttons are right and left buttons,

said first button is the left button, and

said second button is the right button.

30. (previously presented) A storage medium readable by a machine, tangible embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps comprising:

obtaining information by accessing a network;
forming a display area for displaying the information;
displaying a circumferential turn object having an indicator, for indicating any one piece of identifying information among pieces of identifying information arranged along substantially a circumferential shape, circumferentially turning about the center of the circumferential shape;
making the identifying information corresponding to a specified item of information;
detecting an operation with respect to said circumferential turn object;
circumferentially turning said indicator in accordance with the detected operation; and
displaying, in said display area, the information corresponding to the identifying information indicated in a position to which said indicator is circumferentially turned;
wherein the operation is an operation of a pointing device having at least two pieces of buttons, and
an indicator is turned counterclockwise by depressing said first button and turned clockwise by depressing said second button.

31. (original) A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program according to claim 30, of instructions executable by the machine, wherein said turn object has pieces of information arranged along substantially a circumferential shape and each representing the number of divisions by which the display area of said display unit is divided, and when said indicator is turned to the position of indicating the information representing the number of divisions, the display area is divided by this number of divisions, and plural items of information are displayed in the divided display areas.

32-41. (cancelled)

42. (Currently amended) An information display method comprising:
forming ~~a plurality of display areas into which a predetermined area is divided;~~display area which is able to be divided into a plurality of divided display areas;
specifying an item of information to be displayed in each of the divided display areas;
obtaining a~~the~~ specified item of information;
displaying the obtained information in ~~a display area corresponding thereto,~~each of the divided display areas,
displaying identifying information for identifying ~~said corresponding display area,~~each of said divided display areas; and

detecting an operation with respect to the identifying information,
wherein when the identifying information corresponding to the divided display area is specified, said divided display area corresponding to the identifying information is enlarged up to said predetermined display area, only said ~~corresponding~~divided display area is displayed and other divided display areas are deleted.

43. (Currently amended) An information display method according to claim ~~37~~42, further comprising displaying the identifying information within said display area identified by the identifying information, and, when detecting an indicating operation with respect to the identifying information, enlarging said single display area corresponding to the identifying information.

44. (Currently amended) An information display method according to claim ~~43~~42, wherein when detecting an indication operation with respect to the identifying information, said enlarged single display area is changed into a plurality of display areas.

45. (cancelled)

46. (previously presented) An information display method comprising:
displaying a circumferential turn object including an indicator, for indicating any one piece of identifying information among pieces of identifying information arranged along substantially a circumferential shape, circumferentially turning about the center of the circumferential shape;
detecting an operation with respect to said circumferential turn object; and
circumferentially turning said indicator in accordance with the detected operation;
wherein the operation is an operation of a pointing device having at least two pieces of buttons, and
an indicator is turned counterclockwise by depressing said first button and turned clockwise by depressing said second button.

47. (original) An information display method according to claim 46, wherein said two buttons are right and left buttons,
said first button is the left button, and
said second button is the right button.

48. (previously presented) An information display method comprising:

obtaining information by accessing a network;
forming a display area for displaying the information;
displaying a circumferential turn object having an indicator, for indicating any one piece of identifying information among pieces of identifying information arranged along substantially a circumferential shape, circumferentially turning about the center of the circumferential shape;
making the identifying information corresponding to a specified item of information;
detecting an operation with respect to said circumferential turn object;
circumferentially turning said indicator in accordance with the detected operation; and
displaying, in said display area, the information corresponding to the identifying information indicated in a position to which said indicator is circumferentially turned;
wherein the operation is an operation of a pointing device having at least two pieces of buttons, and
an indicator is turned counterclockwise by depressing said first button and turned clockwise by depressing said second button.

49. (original) An information display method according to claim 48, wherein said turn object has pieces of information arranged along substantially a circumferential shape and each representing the number of divisions by which the display area of said display unit is divided, and
when said indicator is turned to the position of indicating the information representing the number of divisions, the display area is divided by this number of divisions, and plural items of information are displayed in the divided display areas.

50-54. (cancelled)